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SUBJECT: PRC REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING AT LOS ANGELES

1. AT PRCLO REQUEST MADE FEB 26, WE INFORMED THEM FEB 27 THAT WE HAVE GRANTED APPROVAL FOR A CAAC 707 TO OVERFLY THE US AND IN ONE INSTANCE TO LAND BRIEFLY AT LOS ANGELES.

2. OVERFLIGHT IS IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT OF CHINESE OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO MEXICO SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 27 TO APRIL 4. IN PREPARATION FOR THAT MISSION, A TRIAL FLIGHT IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 6, ROUTED PEKING/TOKYO/VANCOUVER/ MEXICO CITY, RETURNING TO PEKING MARCH 8 MEXICO CITY/ MONTREAL/PARIS/TEHRAN. IN THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL FLIGHT, CAAC ALSO WISHES TO MAKE TECHNICAL STOP OF ONE HOUR IN LOS ANGELES, QUOTE IN PREPARATION FOR BRINGING THE PERFORMING AR S TROUPE OF CHINA TO THE UNITED STATES UNQUOTE. FYI, CHINESE HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED USING A SPECIAL CAAC FLIGHT TO BRING THE TROUPE TO LOS ANGELES.

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3. WE HAVE INFORMED CHINESE THAT WE INTEND TO PUT USG

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ESCORT CREW OF 2-3 ABOARD DURING OPERATIONS IN U.S. AIR-
SPACE, AS WAS THE CASE LAST YEAR. THIS WOULD INVOLVE
CREWS BOARDING IN TOKYO AND PROBABLY STAYING WITH THE
AIRCRAFT UNTIL MONTREAL.

4. WE ARE CHECKING ON VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR PLANE CREW
FOR THE TRIAL FLIGHT, AND WILL LET USLO KNOW ASAP WHETHER
VISAS WILL BE NEEDED. KISSINGER

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